

DISPATCH		SECRET	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO OIRA- 19416
TO	Chief, w/ ATTN: Italian Branch		RECLASSIFICATION NO
INFO	Chief of Station, Germany Chief, FE Chief, FROM ATTN: C J Chief of Base, C J		43-44/1 Field: T-2
FROM	Chief of Station, C J		DATE 25 February 1959
SUBJECT	Operational, LCHARVEST Dr. Erich BRAJA (ne' BRAJAKOVITSCH) (born 23 November 1905 in Trieste, Austria) See para 5.		REMARKS PE "J" (CHECK 1 ONLY) ☒ MARKED FOR INDEXING ☐ NO INDEXING REQUIRED ☐ INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
1. Subject's name came to our attention as a potential LCHARVEST asset through the C J mail intercept. He wrote a letter (photocopy attached for Headquarters only) to a <u>rumi Ching An</u>, House No. 9, Lane No. 504, Yenan Road (Central), Shanghai. In this letter, dated 17 December 1958, he apologized to TUNG for not having written earlier stating that he had been very busy since his return from Hong Kong and thanking TUNG for his precious assistance during his stay in Kanton (Canton?). He hoped to see TUNG again at the Fair in the spring of 1959. He said he imagined that TUNG had resumed his normal job in Shanghai after his activity at the Chinese Export Commodities Fair, and added that he had told his children of this courteous and kind young professor. Probably his son would accompany him to the next Kanton Fair, where it would be possible to introduce TUNG to him. He closed with the usual Christmas and New Year's wishes. 2. C J traces on Subject revealed the following information. Subject resides at <u>Piazza Concordia 8, Milan</u>, with his second wife <u>Giuliana Tendella RAWA</u> and children, <u>Klaus</u>, born 9 March 1936 in Graz, Austria, and <u>Antje</u>, born 12 December 1940 in Vienna. Both are his children by his first marriage. He is an Austrian citizen and holds an Austrian passport issued by the Consul General in Trieste and an Italian sojourn permit which must be renewed annually. He moved to Milan from Trieste in 1957 and has maintained good conduct and has no derogatory information on his record. He does not show political interest, keeps a tenor of life in harmony with his financial means, and enjoys a good reputation in public. Together with his wife, he owns the stock of the firm <u>ENNERI & C.</u> and is the sole manager. This firm, with legal seat in Venice and offices in Trieste, Via Genova 21, and Milan, Via Bianca Maria 31, was formed in March 1946 with a capital of three million lire as a general import-export company. Its principal activity is directed toward importation from East Germany and other Bloc countries of paper products, veneer woods and coal. Subject also represents in East Germany several important Italian companies including <u>PIRELLI</u> of Milan and <u>OLIVETTI</u> and maintains <u>Jurgen TENDLER</u> as his representative in Berlin with offices at <u>Paulsenstrasse 50/A, Grunewald</u>. The ENNERI firm is favorably known in Milan, and there is no indication that it is controlled by the leftist parties nor that it contributes to the Communist Party to secure favorable treatment in Soviet Bloc trade. Subject's conduct in Trieste before he came to Milan was regular, and there is no concrete evidence to support rumors that he carried out suspect activities in that city. His second wife was known for her pro-Yugoslav-Communist sentiments prior to her marriage but was not involved in activities of intelligence interest nor carried out compromising actions. There is no evidence that, following her marriage to Subject, she has taken any interest in politics. 3. C J traces: STT-297, 16 Feb 53, reports on the ENNERI firm in Trieste and states that at that time Subject was considered to be a German citizen and the firm conducted trade with Czechoslovakia. He apparently lived in Trieste from birth until 1915 and returned only in 1946. His residence in other years was not known, though he married in Austria in 1934 and his two children were born there in 1936 and 1940. 4. Following receipt of the above information, C J discussed with C J possible exploitation of Subject, principally from the point of view of his apparently periodic China travels and acquaintances there. Since the original lead and subsequent information came from C J C J took up the prospect with C J. The latter said that the LABSOLUTE unit was the best suited to carry out any C J role in an approach to Subject. C J therefore, turned the lead over to C J who spoke with C J and was told that Subject's Austrian nationality precluded a LABSOLUTE approach. He went on to say that, if any approach were to be made to Subject, he felt it should be made directly by a KUBARK officer and that there would be no objection to this course of action. C J decision, of course, opens the road to the more desirable unilateral handling of Subject. There does not appear to be any derogatory information on Subject in Rome or C J files and unless Headquarters considers the information on the premarital sentiments of Subject's wife to be a deterrent, we suggest that plans be made for a direct approach.			
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5. There does not appear to be any pre-established channel of contact to Subject, and in view of the need to provide documentary bona fides for the RUBARK officer making the approach, we ask the LCHARVEST desk to consider the possibility of having [] from FOB make the approach. Subject assuredly speaks German and perhaps English since one letter is written in good colloquial English. Future handling of Subject could be decided on the basis of [] evaluation of Subject's potential and on any eventual need for local handling. Headquarters' comments are requested.

6. For [] It would be appreciated if [] could check [] file on Subject and inform [] and Headquarters of any further pertinent information contained therein.

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